Title: Need to provide special central subsidy to the State of Tamil Nadu for setting up Effluent Treatment Plant for tanneries in Dindigul district. -Laid

SHRI C. SREENIVASAN (DINDIGUL) : A huge number of tanneries in Dindigul district of Tamil Nadu face closure leading to the lay-off of several hundreds of workmen. The closure becomes a statutory necessity because the tannery owners are not able to pay their contribution towards setting up of Effluent Treatment Plants. The failure to instal Effluent Treatment Plants leads to the spoilage of Agricultural land as well as other forms of pollution.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister to provide special Central subsidy in lieu of tannery owners' contribution for immediate setting up of Effluent Treatment Plants so that the livelihood of hundreds of workers can be protected and the loss of foreign exchange earned on account of leather export is also prevented.